GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDIANS KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a few Indian workers have been killed in a suicide attack in Afghanistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to provide assistance to the next of kin of those dead and injured;

(d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to protect the Indians working in Afghanistan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (d) Four Indian nationals were killed in a suicide attack on July 2, 2013 at a foreign owned private guest house in Kabul, housing mostly contractors providing logistic support to American/NATO forces. Government immediately took all necessary steps to liaison with the local Afghan government authorities and the employer agencies to dispatch expeditiously the mortal remains of the deceased Indians to their native places in India. The employers of the deceased citizens provided compensation as per their contract provisions.

(e) Government takes all necessary measures to ensure the safety and security of all Indian nationals working in Afghanistan, including by working closely with the security agencies of the Government of Afghanistan.